

What is claimed:

1. A mounting block configured to receive a telescoping handle, comprising:  
  
a release and retaining mechanism configured to prevent the telescoping handle from disengaging during normal use and to allow the telescoping handle to be removed and replaced.
2. The mounting block of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of release and retaining mechanisms.
3. The mounting block of claim 1, wherein the release and retaining mechanism comprises a retaining clip.
4. The mounting block of claim 3, wherein the retaining clip is installed/uninstalled using one or more screws.
5. The mounting block of claim 4, wherein the one or more screws are configured to stand out in a manner that makes the one or more screws easy to locate.
6. The mounting block of claim 5, wherein the one or more screws are painted.
7. The mounting block of claim 3, wherein the retaining clip is configured to stand out in a manner that makes the retaining clip easy to locate.

8. The mounting block of claim 7, wherein the retaining clip is painted.

9. The mounting block of claim 2, wherein the release and retaining mechanism, comprises a plurality of mechanisms acting in concert to perform the release and retaining function performed by the release and retaining mechanism.

10. A telescoping handle assembly, comprising:  
a telescoping handle; and  
a mounting block configured to receive the telescoping handle, the mounting block comprising a release and retaining mechanism configured to prevent the telescoping handle from disengaging during normal use and to allow the telescoping handle to be removed and replaced.

11. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 10, wherein the mounting block further comprises a plurality of release and retaining mechanisms.

12. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 10, wherein the release and retaining mechanism comprises a retaining clip.

13. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 12, wherein the retaining clip is installed/uninstalled using one or more screws.

14. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 13, wherein the one or more screws are configured to stand out in a manner that makes the one or more screws easy to locate.

15. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 14, wherein the one or more screws are painted.

16. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 12, wherein the retaining clip is configured to stand out in a manner that makes the retaining clip easy to locate.

17. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 16, wherein the retaining clip is painted.

18. The telescoping handle assembly of claim 11, wherein the release and retaining mechanism, comprises a plurality of mechanism acting in concert to perform the release and retaining function performed by the release and retaining mechanism.

19. A method for replacing a telescoping handle, comprising:  
disengaging a release and retaining mechanism;  
removing the telescoping handle;  
installing a new telescoping handle, and  
engaging the release and retaining mechanism.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising obtaining the new telescoping handle.

21. The method of claim 19, further comprising disengaging a plurality of release and retaining mechanisms.

22. The method of claim 19, wherein disengaging the release and retaining mechanism comprises locating the release and retaining mechanism.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein locating the release and retaining mechanism comprise locating the release and retaining mechanism using an identifying color associated with the release and retaining mechanism.